

Chapter 12

VIDEOCONFERENCING FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring 9-14-2022 as L.L. No. 1-2022]

§ 12-1. Purpose and Intent

It is the intent of this local law to give the Village of Cold Spring's public bodies, as that term is defined in Public Officers Law § 102 (the "Open Meetings Law"), the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference technology in a manner consistent with authority granted by Public Officers Law § 103-a. and the Village's videoconferencing policy.

§ 12-2. Authority

This local law is enacted by the Village Board pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under Article IX of the New York State Constitution, Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10 and Public Officers Law § 103-a.

§ 12-3. Videoconferencing For Public Meetings

The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes all members of the Village's public bodies to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law § 103-a and the Village's videoconferencing policy adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Village's public bodies may participate in meetings via videoconference technology from locations not accessible to the public so long as a quorum of the Village

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board/body participates from location(s) where the public may be physically present; and extraordinary circumstances exist that prevent the board member from attending in-person.

§ 12-4. Severability

A. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision(s) of this law invalid, in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid, and all other provisions of the law shall continue to be separately and fully effective.

B. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds the application of any provision of this law to any building, other structure or tract of land to be invalid, in whole or in part, the effect of such decisions shall be limited to the person, property or situation involved in the controversy, and the application of any such provision to any other person, property or situation shall not be affected.

C. The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity, or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability, shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words or parts of this Local Law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the Village Board of the Village of Cold Spring that this Local Law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such person or circumstance to which the Local Law or part thereof is held inapplicable had been specifically exempt therefrom.

§ 12-5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.